

House File 597 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 175)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the distribution of fines imposed by the
2 automated enforcement of traffic laws.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.1, Code 2015, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 06A. *“Automated traffic law enforcement*
4 *system”* means a device with one or more sensors working in
5 conjunction with one of the following:

6 a. An official traffic-control signal, to produce recorded
7 images of motor vehicles entering an intersection against a red
8 signal light.

9 b. A speed measuring device, to produce recorded images of
10 motor vehicles traveling at a prohibited rate of speed.

11 c. A railroad grade crossing signal light, as described in
12 section 321.342, to produce images of vehicles violating the
13 signal light.

14 d. Any official traffic-control device, if failure to comply
15 with the official traffic-control device constitutes a moving
16 violation under this chapter.

17 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 321.260A Automated traffic law
18 enforcement — notice of fine distribution on citation.

19 If a local authority issues a citation as a result of an
20 image or any other indication of activity obtained from an
21 automated traffic law enforcement system, the citation shall
22 provide an itemized list of the fines and fees assessed
23 pursuant to the citation, the name of each entity that will
24 receive a portion of the fines or fees, and the amount of the
25 fines or fees that each entity will receive.

26 EXPLANATION

27 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
28 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

29 This bill defines an automated traffic law enforcement
30 system as a device with one or more sensors working in
31 conjunction with an official traffic-control signal, a speed
32 measuring device, a railroad grade crossing signal light, or
33 any official traffic-control device.

34 The bill requires that any citation issued by a local
35 authority as a result of the use of an automated traffic law

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1 enforcement system must include an itemized list of the fines
2 and fees assessed pursuant to the citation, the name of each
3 entity that will receive a portion of the fines or fees, and
4 the amount of the fines or fees that each entity will receive.